

ITEMS IN BRIEF

From Wednesday's Daily.

D. M. Irvine, of Dayton, is in town.

C. A. Shurtz, of Arlington, is a visitor to the city.

W. Morehead and Salvo, of Goldendale, are in the city.

J. D. Crawford is up from the thriving town of Stevenson.

Arthur Stubling is spending the holidays with his parents here.

Tom Callaghan, of Rutledge, is spending the holidays in the city.

J. R. Long, the party who sold the chemical engine to the city, arrived here last night.

There is now about 1500 cords of wood on the beach, which is sufficient to supply the town until the first of March.

David Crighton returned last night from an extended visit through Iowa and Ohio, having been gone since last October.

Messrs Robert Rand, E. L. Smith and A. S. Blowers, of Hood River, are visitors in the city today.

That Hood River is flourishing, and that the streets are fine and dry.

John Connor and John Moran were before the recorder today each on a charge of drunk and disorderly. They were fined \$25 each. Connor paid his fine, but Moran chose to serve a day in jail.

Last night freight train No. 24, in charge of Charles Hansen, had a slight accident at Arlington, caused by the breaking of a car axle. Two cars got off the track, but no material damage was done.

John Hanna, of Boyd, was in the city today and stated that farmers in that section had again begun plowing. The ground is a little wet yet, but the farmers are taking advantage of the fine weather to get it in shape for seeding next spring.

Charles Bass, foreman of this office for several months last fall, writes from Colfax that he has had all kinds of bad luck since leaving here. He has been laid up with tonsillitis for the past ten days, and Mrs. Bass is still confined to her room, and will probably not be out for a month. Their many friends here hope that they will recover soon.

A fire burning out in McLeary's store building caused a fire alarm to be turned in at 2:45 this afternoon. The fire did not damage, but Charles Borden's home, which was tied in front of the recorder's office, got scared at the Columbia hose Co. and ran away, running over George Moabus, though it did not hurt him, but demolished the cart to which it was hitched.

The Christmas tree given by the Salvation Army at the Ballew last night was attended by about 500 people, and all felt well pleased with the program, in which some 30 people took part, and in the manner of which the Salvationists bestowed gifts. About 400 garments were distributed, besides a large quantity of provisions, all of which was given to worthy objects of charity.

From Thursday's Daily.

Cland and Clarence Clister, of Dufur, are in the city.

W. J. Case, of La Grande, is visiting Rev. and Mrs. Rinsler.

Miss Charlotte Roberts left on the boat this morning for Portland.

A. J. Douglas and Willis Hendricks, of Dulac, are in town today.

Mrs. De Hollister and daughter Florence are visiting friends in the city.

Owen T. Shepard has returned from the Greenhorn country, and will spend a month or two in the city.

The U. B. Church in the east part of town is being given a coat of paint, which greatly improves its appearance.

Albert L. Rowland died at his home near Mosier last Tuesday, and the funeral was conducted in Mosier yesterday by Rev. Rinsler.

J. A. Gulliver was in the city today receiving new machinery, consisting of bolts and other apparatus, for the mill.

Tomorrow night the mill will discuss the merits of the new Williams & Co's.

Williams & Co's Christmas design was in the city today, and well worth looking at.

A new chemical engine satisfactory to the locals and they carry to day for the

ers for the M. E. church held last night, and followed by a social.

Mr. French, first assistant superintendent, W. A. Kirby, 2d assistant superintendent, N. Wheelton; secre-

tary, J. E. Brown; treasurer, W. A. Kirby; organist, Miss Edith Randall; assistant organist, Miss Edie Bolton; choirster, Miss Mabel Collins; assistant choirster, R. E. Harworth.

Gov. Moody came up from Salem yesterday. He says without is experiencing a mild winter so far, the weather there being very similar to what it is here.

Rev. Ripley is holding revival services in the United Brethren church on the hill and his meetings are being well attended. They will continue until Sunday night.

Remember the ladies will serve a first class oyster stew and other refreshments at the Christian church on a good time, all for the sum of 25 cents.

The memory of the oldest inhabitant runs not to the time when the Dalles had such an open winter as the present has thus far been, a winter in which there has been no ice formed up to the last of December.

W. L. Hendrick, of Kingsley, was in the city today. He says there never was better grain prospects in that section than at present. The fall wheat is all up from two to six inches and is a fine healthy crop.

Baker City don't need much according to a statement of the Democrats, which puts its needs for 1900 as follows: A gravity water system; a sewerage system; front street paved; an electric car line; an opera house.

Mr. MacAdam has been seriously ill for several days, and it was decided by his physicians yesterday that it was best to take him to the hospital in Portland for treatment, hence Mr. Pease took him down on yesterday afternoon's trip.

The department of superintendence began a session in Salem yesterday, which was attended by able educators from all parts of the state. Discussion of the first topic, "The Granting of Permits," was led by Superintendent C. L. Gilbert, of this county.

R. J. Gorman, better known as "Dick," local reporter on the Times-Mountaineer, leaves Saturday morning for Butte, Montana, for a few weeks' visit. He expects to go over Portland and from there will go over the Northern Pacific to Montana.

J. W. Mead, cashier of the First bank of Astoria, left for Astoria at the hospital at Baker City Sunday morning. He was taken sick Wednesday evening, and Saturday was removed to the hospital. He was about 40 years old, and unmarried. His mother lives at West Liberty, Ia., where the boy will probably be sent for burial.

This morning Nicholas and John Borden left for Dawson City, Alaska, where they go to cast their lot with the miners. They were in Alaska last season, but came out in November. They think there are fortunes to be made there, and are returning with the intention of staying there until they have made enough money to satisfy them.

Governor Geor does not approve of the proposition to raise funds in Oregon to be contributed to the widow of the late General Lawton. He says there are plenty of objects of charity here to look after, and if the people have a mind to help, let them bestow their gifts on the members of the Second Oregon. For once the governor is right.

Lakewick, like The Dalles, is annoyed by drunken Indians. The Examiner says they "hold high jinks and hilarious revelry by night, drink and gamble like princes and fight like devils." It has not been discovered where they get whiskey. The town marshal complained to the Indian agent at Klamath agency, and to the superintendent of the Indian school at Yalox agency. As a result, reservation Indians will have to secure passes, which they will be required to exhibit to the town marshal.

Word has reached Cascade Locks that the O. R. & N. trackwalker near Wyeth, Nick Stokes, was knocked down and robbed by two thugs, Christmas eve. After their assault they carried him about 50 yards from the scene and threw him over a 30-foot embankment, evidently intending to throw him into the river to hide their crime. But, fortunately for Stokes, he landed about three feet from the water's edge, where he lay for several hours, until found by friends, who conveyed him to his home, where he lies in a precarious condition. The robbers got nothing by their trouble.

From Friday's Daily.

H. Glenn came home from Portland last night.

Hugh McQueen, of Antelope, was in the city last night.

J. W. and A. H. Ingalls, of Hood River, are in the city.

Judge Bennett has been quite ill the past few days and has been confined to his home.

Bishop Morris, of Portland, will hold services at St. Paul's Episcopal church in this city, Sunday forenoon.

Dr. Riechart has returned from New York where he has been attending lectures the past two months.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Alexander will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. M. E. Alexander, on Fourth street.

Didn't Like His Clothes.

About 4 o'clock this morning Police-man Philman found a man wandering about the streets in apparently a badly intoxicated condition, and put him in the city jail. The fellow was comfortably clad, but evidently was disatisfied with his garments, so he took them all off, put them in a pile and burned them up. When Marshal Hughes found him this morning he was perfectly nude, having destroyed every particle of clothing he had. At first it was thought the fellow was crazy and would have to be taken to the asylum, but as the effects of the liquor died out, he came to his senses and realized what a foolish thing he had done. He admits he did not particularly fancy the clothing he had, but would gladly exchange to have them restored to him. As the city does not make a practice of clothing its prisoners, it is a question what the fellow will do for something to protect him from the chilling blasts of winter, as he has not the means with which to purchase a new suit.

The Cure Consumption Forever.

Who Cures Coughs, Croup, Whooping Cough, etc.

OREGONS PRODUCT.

Some Things Which the State Raised During the Past Year.

The following statistics are taken from the Christmas number of the Portland Telegram, and give some idea of the vast resources of this state:

WHEAT.

While Oregon, along with other wheat growing states, has had much to contend with the past year by reason of the scarcity and high price of char and the increased yield of grain in the Argentine Republic, Russia and Australia, she has, nevertheless, produced a very respectable crop. The wheat yield was about 17,000,000 bushels. Last year it was about 15,000,000 bushels.

This decrease in the yield is due to various causes, and is not confined to Oregon alone. The total wheat acreage of Oregon, Washington and Idaho this year, the statistics of the census, the date when sowed, matured side stamp by cutting three parallel incisions lengthwise through the stub, beginning not more than one-fourth of an inch from one end thereof, and extending to within one-fourth of an inch of the other end.

A NEWSPAPER "BEAT."

How a "Scop" Was Made on the First Naval Battle of the War with Spain.

Walter Russell contributes an article entitled "The Scoping of the Cuban Blockade" to the Century. Mr. Russell says:

My time while on the blockade, serving as a special artist, was about a year, divided between the various warships and a small steam-yacht the duty of which was to divine intuitively when and where some vessel was to be sighted. I was a witness to it. "Thank God, I have met you 25 miles to the eastward of me." The vessel was a small schooner, and I had been ordered to go to the spot.

A sailor boy had asked me to bring him a box of West 50 boxes of cigarettes for some of the crew; and one morning I threw the bundle upon the deck of his ship. Tearing off the cover, he saw the cigarettes, and where we were to meet you 25 miles to the eastward of me. The vessel was a small schooner, and I had been ordered to go to the spot.

As the season advanced, however, confidence began to restore itself, and buyers stepped in and bought liberally at fair prices. Most of these transactions were direct with the manufacturer. The price advanced to 10 and 12 cents for yellow wheat, and 15 and 16 cents for yellow wheat.

As regards the clip of this year, a conservative estimate places the figure at not less than 20,000,000 pounds. This is about the same output of wool as was recorded to the state last year. The greater portion of this wool is produced in Eastern Oregon, the Valley output being not over three quarters of a million of pounds this year.

FRUITS.

A man who has given fruit culture considerable attention has prepared the following table, showing the most popular fruits grown in the state and the average number of bushels per acre:

Apples.....200 Appricots.....300

Plums.....300 Peaches.....4,000

Pumpkins.....200 Strawberries.....6,000

Raspberries.....200 Currants.....4,000

Cherries.....150 Raspberries.....4,000

Quinces.....150 Blackberries.....6,000

By reason of the advance in the price of beef and mutton during the past year, the stock industry has received considerable of a stimulus. Even the demand for good horses has been increased, and the value of draft animals have advanced fully 15 per cent. It is estimated that there are 250,000 horses, 500,000 head of cattle, nearly 2,000,000 sheep and perhaps 80,000 head of hogs in the state. The value of this livestock is not less than \$25,000,000.

HOPS.

One of the leading agricultural industries of Oregon is the raising of hops. It is one of the most important crops raised in the state, and the advantage of it may be realized when we stop to consider that the hop crop of Oregon for the last few years has aggregated from \$1,500,000 to \$2,500,000. It is safe to say that in round numbers, about \$1,000,000 a year is distributed by the hopgrowers among the families of those residing in the hop districts.

Twelve Years Old.

Thursday afternoon the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Nolan was enlivened by the presence of a number of little girls who assembled to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the birth of Miss Alice. They spent the afternoon in childish play, enjoying themselves as only little girls can. The game of Loto was one of the leading features of the first prize. There was also a guessing game that afforded much amusement, in which detective work took first prize and Florence a Gold Medal. The little ladies present were Genevieve Fish, Florence Hollister, Alice Brown, Maggie McNeil, Mary Lacy, Ethel and Nellie Noas, Mary Howe, Della Progan, Lucy Perry, Ruth and Mabel McLois, Alice Hillgren, Katie and Alice Nolan.

Death of Mrs. Alexander.

Mrs. Olive Alexander died at her home in this city at 4 o'clock Thursday morning after a lingering illness of four years with consumption. Deceased was born near Eugene, Oregon, Feb. 1, 1854, and resided in The Dalles about four years. Besides one son, Herbert Alexander, she leaves a twin brother, O. L. Barrett, of this city, one brother living in Spokane, and two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Owen and Mrs. Dell McBride, both residing in California.

The funeral took place from the family residence on Fourth street at 2 o'clock Friday.

NEW CANCELLATION LAW.

Amending Regulations as to Documentary and Proprietary Stamps.

Changes in the method of cancelling internal revenue stamps, under an order issued on December 15, and signed by G. W. Wilson, commissioner of internal revenue, and approved by Lyman J. Gage, secretary of the treasury, are made in the following manner:

To collectors of internal revenue and others: Existing regulations providing for the cancellation of adhesive revenue stamps by writing or stamping thereon, with ink, the initials of the name and the date when attached,

THE UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB.

Their Entertainment Here was of a High Order.

The University of Oregon certainly has a good representative in the Glee Club which it has sent out, for the young men who comprise the club are gentlemen who will commend the state's leading institution of learning to the people of this country.

Their concert was a happy one, and their rendition of the entire audience, Baldwin opera house was comfortably filled with a very enthusiastic audience, and the opening piece "Oregon, Oh, Oregon," was happily received, calling for a hearty encore, as did almost every number in the program. Prof. Irving M. Glen, the soloist, Arthur L. Frazer, the pianist, and Allen H. Eaton, the reader, are exceptionally good. Mr. Eaton's recitation of the poem "The Oregon Trail" was of good advantage, and Mr. Frazer's performance at the piano was perfect. The closing number, "A Travesty on 'Igor' was a stunner, and created an unusual amount of laughter.

After the concert the members of the glee club were escorted to the room reserved for them at the Hotel, where they had tendered the use of her parlors to The Dalles high school alumni, and a reception was tendered the visitors lasting until the arrival of the 11:30 train, which the club boarded for Portland, where their next concert is to be given.

Elephant Great in Crime.

The Animal's Intellectual Powers Are Most Ample in His Scheme for Revenge.

Few more impressive confidences can be imparted than one which a Hindoo describes how he knows his elephant intends to destroy him. It is all so seemingly trivial, and yet in reality it is a most significant thing. His story is so full of details that prove the man's profound understanding of what he is talking about that one remains equally amazed and interested in the story's character. And yet, from the psychological standpoint, an elephant is not so much a brute as he is often represented as being. He is a creature of habit, who will do as he has done before, and he will do it again and yield without much stringency to the enticements of ease and comfort.

WOMEN OF THE NAVY.

Officers' Wives and Families Feel the Suspense Most keenly—Waiting and Hoping.

The women who have experienced the most mental suffering and strain resulting from the complications in Cuba are the wives and families of the officers of the navy. Few of the enlisted men are so fortunate as to have their wives at home, but the contrary is true of the officers.

"This is a sad time for us," said the wife of a famous naval officer, a few days ago. "As a woman it is to wait and hope. None of the 'women of the navy' wants war. Its opportunities for promotion and the winning of glory do not compensate for the terrible suspense and anxiety which we have to endure. Three of my family are in the navy, and my earnest desire is to hear news of peace, although I am trying to be prepared for whatever happens."

While her husband is looking for orders from Washington she and her children await the issue of events in the little New Jersey town which is their present home. This is the attitude of all the women whose fathers, brothers, husbands or lovers are in the navy. Their interest in the success or failure of the navy is more keen and personal than that of any other class of people, for war with Spain means naval action. Those who are with the southern squadron are in special danger. Ever since the blowing up of the Maine and the subsequent mobilizing of the fleet in southern waters the crying of every "war extra" on the streets, the receipt of every letter and telegram and the circulation of each new rumor of conflict have caused quickened tension in officers' families.

The suspense of the war which is now being fought in the navy has found it hard to endure has been most cruel for them.

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AMERICANS BUY A CANAL

A Scheme to Help the Frenchmen.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The incorporation of the Panama Canal company of America is said to be the first move in a plan to transfer the Panama canal to Americans in order that it may have a better chance in the struggle with the Nicaraguan concessionaires. The banking houses and individuals who are understood to be interested are: August Belmont & Co.; Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Levi P. Morton; Charles A. Flint; J. E. Simmons, president of the Fourth National bank; Edward Sweet; George Sheldon & Co.; Baring Magnon & Co., and George W. Young, president of the United Mortgage & Trust Company.

In addition to